with council chamber, library, and storerooms.

It was futile to prepare plans for their existing needs when it was practically certain that, under the new Local Government Bill, they would have a large amount of additional work thrown upon them.

Mr Dunn had erected the present County Hall in Hobson Street and was able to compete with the best architects in the country with regard to a beautiful scheme and a beautiful building. But if he was forced to collaborate with another architect there would be delays and they would never get the building erected.

Almighty hole in spire of church – 1928

FINDING that the spire of St Clement's Church, Cambridge, was in a dangerous condition, a small army of workmen are busy erecting scaffolding.

The pinnacle above the tower is to be taken down and will not be re-erected. A hole in the spire about ten feet by three feet is visible from the road and it is believed that the trouble was caused by the recent gale.

The spire is a later addition to the church, having been erected in 1832 according to instructions under the will of William Cole of Milton.

Crowds gather at War Memorial – 1921

SELDOM before in the history of Soham has such large crowds gathered in the streets as on Sunday when the War Memorial was formally unveiled. It was a dignified solemn and memorable day.

The whole town and district was wrapped in deep mourning and the ceremony will be looked upon as the most historic page in the annals of Soham's pathetic record. Its toll during the war was indeed a heavy one: no fewer than 128 of her gallant warriors falling in the quest of right and freedom.

Thousands of people assembled to witness the unveiling and the scenes in Red Lion Square were most impressive. The most pathetic note in the whole proceedings was struck when the bereaved relatives deposited their floral tributes by the monument, for many, overpowered by emotion, were assisted away in tears.

The memorial scheme is one of the most ambitious ever attempted by a town of Soham's population.

Revival in British motoring – 1920

THE great revival which has occurred in British motoring is disclosed by the records of new members joining the Automobile Association.

During the first week of the New Year, 1,015 new members were enrolled; the full significance of this figure will be realised when it will be remembered that, during the winter, motor vehicles are used less than at any other season of the year.

During the first week of 1914, when motor vehicles were easily obtainable at a pre-war cost, and were considerably less expensive to run and. maintain, new AA members numbered 288.

The 1,015 motorists have joined in the corresponding week in 1920, when cars and motor cycles are realising abnormal prices, and are difficult to obtain, augurs well for the growth of motoring in Great Britain, especially when the vexed problems of "production" are solved.

Village race as milk cart horse bolted – 1910

ON Tuesday morning, whilst Mr Edward Warboys was delivering milk from a cart in High Street, Swavesey, his horse bolted.

It collided with a cart belonging to Mrs John Mitham of Lolworth. The wheels of the two carts were locked and both horses raced through the village.

At the corner of Market Street, the milk cart struck Mr Scard's house, doing some slight damage to the wall.

Both shafts of Mr Warboys' cart were broken off, a wheel spoke fractured, the axle bent, and all the milk spilled.

End of 'prison-like' chapel – 1903

ST Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, is to be swept away and another more ornate one is to be substituted.

It has often excited the curiosity of strangers and not a little ridicule has been bestowed upon those who have worshipped in such a prison-like building. ven Charles Spurgeon described it as suitable for private executions.

The new building will have both a tower and spire and be worthy of the prominent position it will occupy.

Rabbit coursing and whippet race – 1902

A RABBIT coursing and whippet race meeting was held in a field near the Milton Road, Cambridge, and some good sport was witnessed.

There was a smaller programme than on some former occasions. A good entry was received and some fine dogs were in the field.

A proposal has been made to organise a coursing society for Cambridge and the idea is receiving considerable support.

Dogget milk cart c1910

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